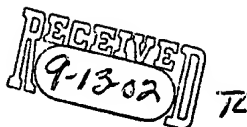


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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of August 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-21 are pending in this application.

The Examiner objects to the drawings because the Switch Fabric of Figure 1 is not numbered. Figure 1 has been amended to include the appropriate reference number to the Switch Fabric. Submitted herewith is amended Figure 1 along with a REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE. It is requested that the drawing change be reviewed and approved by the Examiner. Applicant will formalize the drawing after allowance of the application.